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1. AT REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING JANUARY 16, SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL REVIEWED RECENT ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS. ACCORDING PRESS SPOKESMAN, COUNCIL NOTED THAT SWITZERLAND WAS NOT INVITED AND WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FEBRUARY WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE BUT WAS BEING KEPT INFORMED.

2. COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SWISS FIRM SWISSGAS AND SONATRACH OF ALGERIA PROVIDING FOR EXPORT AND INVESTMENT RISK GUARANTEES FOR SIX PERCENT SWISS PARTICIPATION IN LNG FACILITIES. PRESS REPORTS THAT BY 1978 SWITZERLAND WILL RECEIVE 1 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS FROM ALGERIA YEARLY.

3. SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE NO CONCRETE OFFICIAL OFFERS TO SWITZERLAND WHICH WOULD INVOLVE
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DIRECT IMPORT OF OIL FROM PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND THAT THERE WERE NO NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY.

4. FEDERAL COUNCIL SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED RECENT PRESS SPECULATION THAT SWISSPETROL HOLDING AG, WHICH FORMED IN 1960 AS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN SWITZERLAND, WOULD BE REESTABLISHED AS NATIONAL OIL COMPANY WITH GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION. (SEE ALSO BERN A-23.)
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